

Cost Sharing and Drug Coverage

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SeniorCare Cost Sharing

- SeniorCare has limited cost sharing.
 - \$30 annual enrollment fee
 - Copayments
 - \$500 or \$850 deductible if income is over 160% FPL
- SeniorCare has no asset test



Part D Cost Sharing

- Medicare Part D can have significant cost-sharing requirements.
 - Except for those with income under 135% FPL and limited assets, participants pay a premium, copays, deductibles and coinsurance.
 - Seniors with income over 150% FPL are subject to the “donut hole” or gap in coverage if they have high drug expenditures.
- LIS has an asset test:
 - \$6,000 individual / \$9,000 couple if income is under 135% FPL
 - \$10,000 individual / \$20,000 couple if income is under 150% FPL.



SeniorCare Prescription Drug Coverage

- SeniorCare provides a comprehensive drug benefit.
 - For participants with income at or below 200% FPL, SeniorCare covers all Medicaid drugs.
 - For participants with income over 200% FPL, SeniorCare covers virtually all Medicaid drugs.



Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

- Medicare Part D plans will implement individual formularies.
 - The plan must cover at least 2 drugs in each of the 146 therapeutic classes.
 - May exclude drugs currently covered under Medicaid and SeniorCare.
- Seniors must choose among competing plans.

